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In re Application of)
Ian R. Thompson et al) Examiner: J.E. Redman
Serial No. 09/806,573)
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Title: CABLE GATE)

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SUPPLEMENTAL ELECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants request that the Election filed September 12, 2002, in response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2002, be withdrawn and replaced with this Supplemental Election.

Applicants still elect the species of Group I, and still make this election with traverse. Claims 147-174, 177-246 and 249-291 are readable on the elected species. (The Election filed September 12, 2002, mistakenly identified claims 147-174, 177-249 and 252-291 as being readable on the elected species.)

The requirement to elect between the species of Group I and Group II is still traversed because at least claims 147-174 are generic to both embodiments and therefore link the species of Groups I and II. (The Election filed September 12, 2002, mistakenly identified previously canceled claims 1-28 as being generic to both embodiments and therefore linking the species of Groups I and II.) Whether one embodiment is superior to another is dependent upon its application and although the specification might state that one provides a clutch action which is more positive, it is not reasonable to suggest that one arrangement that works somewhat better than another involves a separate non-linked inventive concept.

In view of the above, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider the restriction requirement and withdraw the same.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby petition therefor and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 02-0385, Baker & Daniels.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at 260-424-8000 if there are any questions regarding any of the above.

Respectfully submitted,



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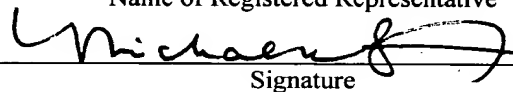
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